

REMARKS

Applicant, by the amendments presented above and the arguments presented below, has made a concerted effort to present claims which clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance. Claims 1-31, 37 and 38 are currently pending. Claims 32-36 have been cancelled. Claims 1-31, 37 and 38 have been allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-31 were allowed.

The Examiner also indicated that claims 35 and 36 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner made this same objection in the previous Office Action and, as explained by Applicant in response thereto, Applicant did not amend claims 35 and 36, leaving them dependent on independent claim 32, but rather added new claim 37 which combined the limitations of independent claim 32 and dependent claim 35, and new claim 38 which combined the limitations of independent claim 32 and dependent claim 36. Claims 37 and 38 have now been allowed. As such, Applicant has cancelled claims 35 and 36.

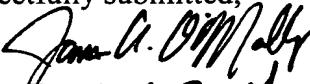
Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 32-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 3,683,499 to Robinson.

Applicant has cancelled claims 32-34 and, therefore, considers this rejection to be moot.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

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